

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for dispensing strips of adhesive tape, comprising a housing with a take-up device taking up an adhesive tape roll; ,with at least one transporting roll provided with a circumferential groove; and with a at least one folding roll provided with a circumferential bulge; [[,]] a first toothed rack connected with a lever, which drives the at least one transporting roll; [[,]] and a cutting means, which ~~can be~~ is activated by a second toothed rack via a first gear wheel, wherein the ~~two first toothed racks are provided on both sides~~ rack is arranged on one side of the lever and the second toothed rack is arranged on the opposite side of the lever, wherein at least one of the toothed racks is guided ~~in a~~ by a lower sliding guide plate means provided between ~~in the~~ a lower part of the housing and a lower end of the at least one toothed rack, wherein at least one of the toothed racks is guided by ~~in~~ an upper sliding guide plate means provided between an upper part of the at least one toothed rack and ~~on~~ the lever in such a manner that during the downward motion of the lever, the first toothed rack indirectly engages the at least one transporting roll and the second toothed rack engages the first gear wheel, and wherein said rack is the first and second toothed racks are disengaged for an the upward motion.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one transporting roll is axially connected ~~with to~~ a gear wheel ~~on the same axle~~, which ~~is engageable~~ can be engaged with the first toothed rack.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first gear wheel is rotatably supported ~~resting~~ against a tensioning spring.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising wherein a second transporting roll is provided, which wherein the second transporting roll is driven by the first toothed rack.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the second transporting roll is provided with a circumferential groove, and wherein the two first and the second transporting rolls mesh together in a slightly overlapping manner.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the ~~two~~ first and the second transporting rolls are knurled in an axial direction.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cutting means comprises a lever arm controlled by the first gear wheel and a knife arranged on the lever arm.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the lever arm is rotatably supported in the housing at its end opposite the knife, and the lever arm is provided with a ~~sliding guide plate~~ leading edge, which can be moved by a cam provided on the first gear wheel towards the at least one transporting roll.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the knife ~~is of~~ has a triangular shape configuration.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the lever is provided with a cam for transporting ~~the~~ a severed strip of adhesive tape.

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the housing ~~roll of adhesive tape with its~~ take-up device taking up an adhesive tape roll, the at least one transporting roll, and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first gear wheel is rotatably supported ~~resting~~ against a tensioning spring.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising wherein a second transporting roll is provided, which wherein the second transporting roll is driven by the first toothed rack.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the cutting means comprises a lever arm controlled by the first gear wheel and a knife arranged on the lever arm.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the cutting means comprises a lever arm controlled by the first gear wheel and a knife arranged on the lever arm.

Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the lever is provided with a cam for transporting ~~the~~ a severed strip of adhesive tape.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the lever is provided with a cam for transporting ~~the~~ a severed strip of adhesive tape.

Claim 18 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the housing roll of adhesive tape with its the take-up device taking up an adhesive tape roll, the at least one transporting roll, and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.

Claim 19 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the housing roll of adhesive tape with its the take-up device taking up an adhesive tape roll, the at least one transporting roll, and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.

Claim 20 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the housing ~~roll of adhesive tape~~ with its the take-up device taking up an adhesive tape roll, the at least one transporting roll, and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.